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Prescott National Forest Plans to Burn Slash Piles

PRESCOTT, AZ(February 27, 2006) - With expected moisture heading in this direction, Prescott National Forest fire officials may have an opportunity to treat 100 acres of accumulated slash piles on Tuesday February 28, weather conditions permitting. Depending on the amount of precipitation received, one of two possible locations will be treated. The first location is west and south of Prescott in the Granite Basin Recreation Area (Township 14 ½ North, Range 3 West, Section 11) or south of Mayer (Township 11 North, Range 1 East, Section 24).

Specific days to burn are determined by current and expected weather patterns. These piles will be monitored and allowed to completely burn themselves out. Smoke may be visible for numerous days.

This project is part of an ongoing effort to improve forest health by reintroducing fire into the ecosystem, reducing hazardous fuels, and creating defensible space around residential and high use areas.

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